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DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL
VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION
RICHMOND

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CIRCULAR LETTER
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TO: ALL RETAIL LICENSEES

**SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE-
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI) TRACKING PROGRAM**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this letter is to inform those concerned of a new cooperative program to target establishments which may be habitually over serving patrons.

BACKGROUND: Driving while intoxicated is a serious safety concern for all citizens of Virginia. In an effort to curb this problem, the Board will receive information from the Department of State Police identifying establishments where individuals arrested for DWI have stated they last consumed alcoholic beverages. The Board will not receive the names of the individuals arrested and thus will take no disciplinary action against a licensee based on this referral. The Board will receive the date, time, and location of the arrest as well as the individual's breath alcohol concentration, this information to be used for statistical study purposes.

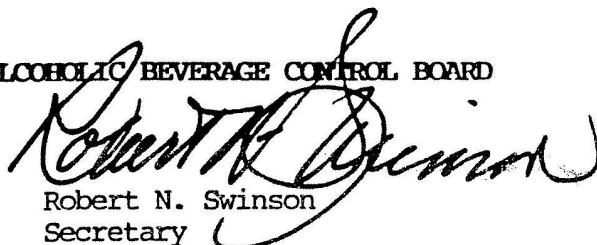
On a first referral, the licensee will receive a letter from the Board that states a person may have been over served in the establishment. This letter is not intended to be accusatory and it will not become a part of the licensee file. The letter will contain an offer of assistance by the Board's agents in recognizing and dealing with intoxicated persons. Second and subsequent referrals will be cause for investigative attention which may lead to disciplinary action.

HELD: The Board concludes that all retailers should be advised of the above information by means of this circular letter which is being mailed to each retail licensee in the Commonwealth.

INQUIRIES: Inquiries should be addressed to the Director, Regulatory Division, Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, P.O. Box 21491, Richmond, Virginia 23261 in writing, or by telephone at (804) 361-0660

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